

COMMUNITY ALERT BEAR AWARENESS

Bears are known to inhabit the Verdugo Mountains. Although rare, they have been sighted.

The following safety tips have been provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- Never approach a bear or pick up a bear cub.
- If you encounter a bear, do not run. Instead, face the animal, make noise and try to appear as large as possible.
- If attacked, fight back.
- If a bear is encountered or attacks a person, immediately call 911.

Additionally, the following preventative measures should be used:

- While hiking, make noise to avoid a surprise encounter with a bear.
- When camping, never keep food in your tent. Store food and toiletries in bear-proof containers or in an airtight container in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Keep a clean camp by cleaning up and storing food and disposing garbage immediately after meals. Use bear-proof garbage cans whenever possible or store your garbage in a secure location.
- Keep a close watch on children and teach them what to do if they encounter a bear.

It is important to remember that a variety of wildlife inhabits the Verdugo Mountains. Mindful consideration of the safety recommendations will ensure that the beautiful Verdugo Mountains continue to be shared harmoniously by both people and wildlife.

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